

ommendation relate to:

- (i) Improvement of the Agency System;
- (ii) Financial Control;
- (iii) Maintenance, Improvement and Expansion to the National Highway; and
- (iv) Protection of National Highway System and Provision of Amenities.

(b) While the Vohra Committee has not recommended any specific amount for the maintenance of National Highways, the total rough requirement of funds recommended by the Committee for development and expansion of the National Highway System over 20 years from 1985 to 2005 is Rs. 12,000 crores at 1983-84 price level.

(c) Broadly, necessary action has been taken on all the recommendations of the Committee, subject to administrative and financial constraint wherever applicable.

Flood Advance to LIC Employees

6844. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has granted flood advances to its employees in Sirohi and surrounding areas of Jodhpur division on account of floods occurred in July, 1990;

(b) if so, the number of employees who have been granted flood advance and those who are yet to be granted including the probationary employees; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release flood advance to the remaining employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. All the 517 employees who are eligible have been granted flood advance. Seven employees who were not posted in Flood affected areas and six probationary employees who were not entitled to it under rules were not given the Flood Advance.

[Translation]

Demand of Railway Machinery and Technology by China

6845. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway technique and machinery have been demanded by China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet these demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Utilisation of Surplus Land by Port Trust

6846. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether every major port is having some surplus land in their possession;

(b) if so, the manner in which these lands are being utilised;

(c) whether some Port Trusts have sent proposals for use of these lands for their commercial purposes; and

(d) if so, the reaction to the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Port Trust land is utilised as per the policy guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

(c) and (d). The Govt. have approved in principle the commercial development of Calcutta Port Trust land in collaboration with Indian Road Construction Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry.

GIC'S Subsidiary in Britain

6847. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Insurance Corporation propose to launch a subsidiary in Britain in collaboration with other Company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up a subsidiary in U. K. has been received from General Insurance Corporation of India etc. and this has been referred to the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Joint Ventures Abroad in the Commerce Ministry for due examination, and appropriate clearance.

[Translation]

Commemorative Coins/Notes

6848. SHRI RAMDEW RAM:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of personalities in whose commemoration the currency notes and coins were released during the last three years alongwith the number, denominations and the dates on which these were released;

(b) the number of one-rupee coins minted in the commemoration of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar during his birth centenary year alongwith the number of coins released;

(c) whether the Government propose to release more such coins; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No currency notes were released in commemoration of any personality during the last three years. However, one rupee Coins were released in commemoration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centenary Celebration on 14th April, 1991.

(b) The number of one rupee coins minted and released in commemoration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centenary Celebration is about 48.32 million pieces.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to release one rupee coin in memory of late Rajiv Gandhi on 21st May, 1992.